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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/068,564	Applicant(s) ALNEMRI ET AL.	
	Examiner Gary B. Nickol Ph.D.	Art Unit 1642	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 56-70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 56-70 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 56-70 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 56-58, 59-60 (in part), 64, 68-70, as specifically drawn to an isolated antibody that binds to SEQ ID NO:5, or positions within SEQ ID NO:5 and host cells expressing said antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.
- II. Claims 59-60 (in part), 61, 68-70, as specifically drawn to an isolated antibody that binds to SEQ ID NO:7, or positions within SEQ ID NO:7 and host cells expressing said antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.
- III. Claims 59-60 (in part), 62, 68-70, as specifically drawn to an isolated antibody that binds to SEQ ID NO:9, or positions within SEQ ID NO:9 and host cells expressing said antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.
- IV. Claims 63, and 65-70, as specifically drawn to an isolated antibody that binds to SEQ ID NO:2, or positions within SEQ ID NO:2 and host cells expressing said antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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The Inventions of Groups I-IV represent separate and distinct antibody products because they bind to a multitude of chemically distinct epitopes on a variety of distinct polypeptides that differ in amino acid sequence. Further, the search for antibodies that potentially bind to all of the different sequences, including the portions, and percentages of different amino acid segments would invoke a high search burden. Currently, there are approximately eight different databases that accompany the results of a search of one discrete amino acid or nucleotide sequence and each result set from a particular database must be carefully considered. Hence, the search of four different polypeptides, and different polypeptide segments in the databases would require extensive searching and review. Furthermore, because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for one group is not required for another group, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary B. Nickol Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0835. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-5:00 P.M..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on 571-272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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